

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to an improvement in spill resistant carpets wherein a spill resistant coating is applied to the underside of the carpet. The improvement for

- 5 enhancing the spill resistance of the carpet comprises use of the following polymer as the spill resistant coating:

an ethylene-vinyl acetate polymer comprised of crystalline ethylene segments prepared by the aqueous emulsion polymerization of ethylene and vinyl acetate in the presence of a stabilizing system, said ethylene-vinyl acetate polymer having

- 10 a crystalline melting point ranging from 35 to 110 °C measured at a heat rate of 20 °C per minute; and,

a tensile storage modulus of at least 1×10^5 dynes/cm² at a temperature of 115 °C and measured at 6.28 rad/sec.